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Hier stehe ich, ich kann nicht anders;
Gott helfe mir! Amen!—LUTHER.

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Minutes
Of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Maryland and Virginia.

According to adjournment, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Maryland and Virginia, convened at Williamsport, Washington county, Md. on Saturday the 17th of October, 1829, when brother Hoshour preached at 10 o'clock, A. M. from Jer. 6. 16. and again at 2 o'clock, a preparatory sermon from Job 21. 15, and brother Krauth at candlelight, from Isaiah 1. 17, first clause.

On Sunday morning, the 18th instant, the brethren repaired to the parsonage, and thence into the Lutheran church recently erected, where the Rev. B. Kurtz, President of the Synod, preached the synodical discourse to a very crowded audience, from 2 Cor. 2. 15, 16. Immediately after this the Lord's Supper was administered, first to the clergymen and delegates, and then to the members of that congregation, to which, also, the members of other churches were invited. A gracious influence was visible upon the audience, and especially the communicants. The Rev. Dr. Kurtz concluded the services of the morning with an appropriate address in the German language. At 3 o'clock P. M. the Rev. D. F. Schaeffer, Secretary, preached from 1 Cor. 1. 10, and at candlelight, the Rev. J. G. Morris, from Heb. 12. 29. On Sunday morning the Rev. M. Wachter also preached in the Methodist church, from Daniel 9, 24, and brother Bager at 3 o'clock P. M. from Psalms 110, 4, in the same house.

Agreeably to notice given by the President, the clergymen and their delegates assembled at the Lutheran church, at 8 o'clock, A. M. on the 19th instant, when the synod was constituted by singing a hymn, and

offering up a prayer to the Almighty disposer of all events, by the President. After this the names of the brethren belonging to this synod, were read by the Secretary, and the following brethren only were present with their deputies, viz:

		PLACES OF RESIDENCE.
Revd	Dr. D. Kurtz,	Baltimore, Md.
"	D F. Schæffer,	Frederick city,
"	A. Reck,	Middletown,
"	B. Kurtz,	Hagerstown,
"	J. Winter,	Williamsport,
"	M. Wachter,	Frederick city,
"	J. N. Hoffman,	Taneytown,
"	S. Hoshour,	Litersburg,
"	J. G. Morris,	Baltimore,
"	J. Albert,	Manchester,
"	H. Bager	Boonsboro'
"	H. Haverstick,	Cumberland,
"	C. F. Schæffer,	Frederick city,
"	J. Medtart,	Martinsburg, Va
"	L. Eichelberger,	Winchester,

The following brethren were absent, viz: J. Herbst, sen. F. Hass, M. Sackman, N. Schmucker, M. Myerheffer, N. B. Little, D. Eyster, J. P. Cline, and J. Kehler, and among these, brothers Hass and Kehler wrote to Synod excusing their absence.

Lay Delegates were present.

J. M'Donald,	Frederick city,
D. Rouzan,	Middletown,
J. Albert,	Hagerstown.
J. Baker,	Williamsport,
F. Eichelberger,	Creagerstown,
L. Motter,	Emmitsburg,
F. Ziegler,	Smithsburg,
D. Martin,	Baltimore,
J. Gress,	Manchester,

Agreeably to the constitution, the late officers were not eligible to the same offices they held, and therefore the synod elected for the ensuing year, viz:

Revd. Dr. KURTZ, - - - - President.
" A. RECK, - - - - - Secretary.
" D. F. SCHAEFFER, - - Treasurer.

Resolved, That the synod deeply regrets the absence of the brethren in Virginia, and their not writing to the Synod agreeably to the constitution.

Upon this the Rev. C. P. Krauth, from Philadelphia, a member of the East Pennsylvania Synod, was introduced, and cordially received as an advisary member; likewise the Rev. Mr. Jacobs from the West Pennsylvania synod.

Then all persons having papers for business with this synod, were called on to come forward, upon which the following documents were handed in, viz:

No 1. A report from the editor of the Evangelical Lutheran Intelligencer, and

No. 2. Letters from New Philadelphia, Ohio, and the German settlement, Preston county, Va.

On motion by Mr. L. Motter, the minutes of the last session of our synod were read.

Enquiry was now made, whether the brethren appointed delegates to the West Pennsylvania synod, had discharged their duty, it appeared that they did not attend on account of debility and overwhelming ministerial labor, which was much regretted by the synod.

On enquiry moreover, whether any special conferences had been held during the last year, within the limits of our synod, it was stated that the brethren of Virginia had held a conference at Woodstock, Shenandoah county, with the view of taking preparatory steps to form themselves into a distinct synod.

On motion No. 1, A letter from the German settlement, Preston county, Va. by brother Hass, was read, in which he apologised for his absence, and prayed in behalf of his people, that the minutes of the synod might be sent to them, printed as in former years.

On motion, resolved, that brother Hass be sustained in his excuse for absence, and that he be requested to read the minutes of this synod out of the Intelligencer, in order to satisfy the wishes of his members.

On motion, resolved, that a committee be appointed to examine into the treasurers account. Whereupon brothers Winter and Wachter, with Mr. J. M'Donald, were appointed.

No. 2 A letter from New Philadelphia, Ohio, was read before the synod; in which they complained of their destitute condition, and prayed earnestly for a minister, who would be able to preach in both the German and English languages.

On motion, resolved, that this synod heartily sympathises with this destitute people; and that the Secretary answer their letter, informing them that if they can procure a minister, that he shall be authorised to go on to them.

On motion, resolved, that the report of our editor be read, and the report be laid on the table.

The parochial reports were now called for, which were as follows.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

	Baptised	Confirmed	Communicants	Deaths	Sunday schools
Rev. Dr. Kurtz, 1828,	66	30	212	28	1
" Dr. do. 1829,	51	19	245	41	1
" D. F. Schaeffer do	219	73	543	47	2
" A. Reck do	109	115	430	32	1
" B. Kurtz do	65	54	447	28	2
" J. Winter do	61	31	330	17	1
" M. Wachter do	92	20	411	35	4
" J N. Hoffman do	80	16	440	16	2
" S. Hoshour do	70	11	287	21	2
" J. G. Morris do	24	8	58	11	1
" J. Albert do	93	95	517	32	1
" J. Kehler do	60	00	60	9	1
" F. Haas do	32	00	96	3	2

The Synod adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.—prayer by brother Hoffman. At 11 o'clock A. M. brother C. F. Schaeffer preached from John 13. 25.

Monday 3 o'clock P. M. prayer by brother Albert. Brother J. Reck from the Evangelical Lutheran synod of North Carolina, was introduced and received as an advisary member.

Brother Morris handed to the President 20 copies of the minutes of the East Pennsylvania synod, which were thankfully received, and distributed among the brethren.

The committee appointed to examine the accounts of the treasurer, reported that they found the accounts correct, with a balance of $557 74¾ due the synod by the treasurer.

Brother F. Ruthrauff from the East Pennsylvania synod, was introduced and received as an advisary member.

On motion, by brother Morris, supported by brother Krauth, Resolved that there be annually, a missionary education sermon preached during our synodical session—accordingly the President appointed brother Morris to attend to this subject at our next synod.

One of our deputies having made enquiry, whether the appendix to our formula for government and discipline, were equally binding on our members, with the formula itself, the synod unanimously answered in the affirmative that it was.

The synod adjourned until Tuesday, 8 o'clock, A. M. Prayer by brother Winter.

This evening brother Hoffman preached from Acts 24, 25.

Tuesday morning 20th instant, synod was constituted by prayer by brother Hoshour.

Resolved, on motion by brother Morris, that the former committee appointed to prepare a constitution for our synod, be released.

Resolved, on motion by brother D. F. Schaeffer, that a committee of three be appointed to resume and complete, until our next session, a suitable constitution for the government of this synod, aad that the Rev. Dr. Kurtz, the Rev. D. F. Schaeffer and the Rev. J. G. Morris constitute said committee.

Brother H. Haverstick from the West Pennsylvania synod, was introduced.

The monies collected for the treasury of our synod, were now requested to be paid into the hands of the treasurer—and were as follows.

John M'Donald, Frederick	$15 00
Rev A. Reck, Middletown	21 37½
J. G. Morris, Baltimore	10 00
S. Hoshour, Leitersburg	10 54
J. Albert, Manchester	6 00
L. Eichelberger, Winchester Va.	3 37½
J. N. Hoffman, Taneytown	10 00
J. Winter, Williamsport	14 00
	90 29

The Rev. Mr, Kehler of the Presbyterian church of Williamsport, was introduced.

Brother B. Kurtz reported to synod that he, as the late President of this synod, and as requested at our last session, had appointed Brother Bager missionary, for six months, to labor in the neighbourhood of Beaver creek Resolved, that brother Bager be paid out of the treasury.

On motion, Brothers B. Kurtz and J. Winter were appointed delegates from this body, to attend the meeting of the West Pennsylvania synod, which adjourned to meet at Greencastle.

Resolved, on motion, that the ministers constituting the different synods of the Lutheran church, are hereby respectfully solicited to furnish each a short sermon annually, for publication in our periodical.

On motion, resolved, that the report of our editor be received and printed in the Intelligencer.

On motion, resolved, that our editor be respectfully solicited to continue his labors.

All business before synod being transacted, an election was held for the place and time of our next synod. Taneytown the place—3d Sunday in October, 1830, the time. Synod adjourned—prayer by A. Reck. At 11 o'clock, A. M. the Rev. F. Ruthrauff preached from Matthew 22, 42.

Tuesday 3 o'clock, the session of the ministerium was constituted by prayer, by Dr. Kurtz.

A letter was now read from Friedenschurch, in which it was stated

that they had built a church, and paid for it; but had no preacher. The ministerium resolved that the neighboring brothers Hoffman and Albert, be requested, occasionally, to preach for these people, until matters become more favourable in their congregation.

Brother H. Haverstick's petition to become a member of this body, was cheerfully granted, and his license extended until our next session.

On motion, resolved that the licenses of the brothers L. Eichelberger, H. Bager, and C. F. Shaeffer, be renewed for one year from this date,

Inasmuch as Mr. N. B. Little did formally relinquish his charge in Cumberland, and the congregation called brother H. Haverstick for their pastor, therefore the ministerium unanimously resolves that the Rev N. B. Little be hereby requested forthwith to suspend his ministerial labors in the Cumberland district, and withdraw therefrom, from this date.

Thus all business before us being disposed of by the blessing of God, and in the utmost harmony and love, the ministerium also adjourned, to meet again at our next synodical session—prayer by Dr. Kurtz.

A. RECK, *Secretary.*

Parent Domestic Missionary and Education Society.

On Tuesday evening, after synod had transacted its business, the annual meeting of the Domestic Missionary and Education Society, of the Synod of Maryland and Virginia, was held; the church was crowded with persons of different sexes, and of different denominations. We feel assured, that our readers will be gratified, by a perusal of the proceedings.

After singing a hymn, and prayer by the Recording Secretary, the following reports were read, viz:

First Annual Report of the Domestic Missionary and Education Society of the Synod of Maryland and Virginia.

In presenting the first annual report of this society, your managers have cause for gratitude and humiliation,—for gratitude that their exertions have not been altogether unsuccessful, and for humiliation, that their efforts have not been correspondent to the high responsibility of their office.

From the laudable spirit evinced at the organization of the Society at the last session of the Synod, it was expected that much would be accomplished in behalf of its noble object. We have not been altogether disappointed, and we have the pleasure to report that seven auxiliaries have been established in the following churches, from some of which

very efficient aid has been received, which will be exhibited in the Treasurer's report hereto annexed.

There have been two auxiliaries formed at Fredericktown, one composed of ladies, and the other of youths; one at Taneytown, one in Montgomery county, one in Winchester, Va., and two in the English Lutheran church at Baltimore, one of which is a ladies' sewing Society. These are auxiliary to the Parent institution. It affords us much pleasure to mention that societies have been established at Hagerstown and Funkstown, which are aiming at the praiseworthy object of founding a scholarship, which it is expected will be accomplished in the course of another year. We rejoice to see our brethren manifesting so much zeal in their laudable undertaking, and hope that many other churches will soon imitate their good example.

The Parent Society has now under its care as beneficiaries, four pious and promising young men, who are preparing to enter upon their theological studies in the classical school attached to the Seminary. Messrs. Samuel Rothrock and Jesse Vogler of North Carolina, were received upon our patronage in April last, Mr. Francis Springer of Maryland, in June, and Mr. Abraham Shuman, of Maryland in July. To each of them $75 per annum are allowed as a loan without interest or security, payable at any period during life, if they ever become able.

We cannot too highly commend the charitable zeal of the females of several of our churches, who are at present actively engaged in preparing articles of needlework, to be disposed of for the benefit of this Society. The ladies of our churches at Hagerstown and Baltimore, and Taneytown, are setting an example which we expect soon to see imitated by all their sisters of our faith within the bounds of this Synod. We pray that the divine blessing may rest upon them and their labours, and that they may never grow weary in rendering such essential aid to the objects of this Society.

We have reason to believe that several others of our sister Synods will co-operate in this most excellent work, and place the means of education into the hands of many of our pious, but indigent young men, who are longing to preach the gospel to their perishing fellow sinners.

The demands of our church for missionary assistance are pressing in upon us from every quarter. The destitute congregations are crying for help, but how can we send them laborers, when there are so few young men amongst us, who devote themselves to the ministry? During the last winter, *twenty five* applications were made to the Seminary for missionaries, chiefly from the South and West, and but *six* young men have completed the prescribed course of studies! They are already actively

engaged in the field, but many, many more laborers are required to cultivate the waste places of Zion,—Doubtless there are many indigent young men amongst us, whose hearts are warm with love to God, and are ardently desirous of entering the ministry, but who have not the means of acquiring the necessary theological education. Our object is to bring them out from their retirement, and present limited sphere of usefulness, and prepare them for the arduous work; but we cannot accomplish it, unless the more highly favored sections of the church contribute liberally to the funds of this society. We believe that if the subject were fairly represented to our people, they would cheerfully assist us in this benevolent enterprise. The subject needs but to be understood, to be duly appreciated. What then remains to be done? Is it not a cause that lays claim to all our zeal and devotedness? to our most strenuous and untiring exertions? It is the cause of saving immortal souls; the cause of God and of truth. The cry of destitute churches has come up to us, it has been loud and long, and frequent! We have resolved, and hesitated, and talked long enough; the day for *action* has come; benevolent wishes and sighs and tears will never extend our borders, and we must now *act*, or nothing will be accomplished. Our responsibility is tremendous; God will require an account. The people must know the wants of their destitute brethren, and the immense obligations they are under to carry the gospel to them. An auxiliary society, if possible, should be established in every congregation, and then our treasury would afford ample support to at least twelve indigent students.

Let church councils engage in this cause with an earnestness that becomes their office. Let every private member be deeply and personally interested. Without their co-operation we can do nothing. We want their support, their continuance, and their prayers. Let us all regard this subject as one of the highest importance, and cheerfully step forward to assist in its promotion. Let us engage with heart and hand in this noble work. Let us listen to and obey the call of our brethren, "Come over and help us."

Lewis Medtart Treasurer in account with the Missionary and Education Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

		DR.
1828, Oct. 3.	Collection at Shepherdstown, Va. by the hand of Mr. Wysong,	$ 35 00
	To constitute Rev. S. S. Schmucker a member for life	10 00
Nov. 14.	From several Ladies of Philadelphia, by the hand of Rev. Mr. Krauth,	3 00
	H. Scholl, George Engelbrecht, and L. Medtart, annual subscription,	300

Dec. 17.	Juvenile Missionary and Education Society of Frederick,	1 62
1829, Jan. 21.	Auxiliary do. do. Baltimore, Mrs. M. Barry, Treasurer,	123 50
28.	Juvenile Missionary and Education Soc'y of Fred'k.	1 61½
Feb. 4.	Auxiliary do. do. do. do. Miss R. Boyer, Treasurer,	33 55
15.	From Rev. J. Medtart, to constitute him a life member, by the Ladies of his Congregation,	10 00
March 9.	Juvenile Missionary & Edu. Society of Fred'k,	2 50½
May 6.	do. do. do. do. do.	1 09
13.	do. do. do. do. do.	1 00
July 1.	Auxiliary do. do. do. do.	23 73½
14.	Juvenile do. do. do. do.	1 75
Aug. 8.	do. do. do. do. do.	93¾
Oct. 10.	Auxiliary do. do. do. do.	18 36
		270 66¾

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1828.	Transmitted to Samuel Rothrock,			25 00
July 7.	do.	to Jesse Vogler,		25 09
Oct. 6.	do.	to Francis Springer,	$30	
6.	do.	to Jesse Vogler,	15	
6.	do.	to Samuel Rothrock,	30 75	
	Postage,			60
	Balance in the Treasury,			145 06¾
				$270 66¾

LEWIS MEDTART, Treasurer.

RECAPITULATION.

Collection at Shepherdstown, Va.	$ 35 00
Rev. S. S. Schmucker, a member for life,	10 00
From several ladies of Philadelphia,	3 00
Annual subscribers at Fredericktown,	3 00
Juvenile Missionary and Education Society of Fredericktown,	10 51¾
Auxiliary do do do Baltimore,	123 50
Auxiliary do do do Fredericktown,	75 64½
Rev. J. Medtart, a member for life,	10 00
	270 66¾

On motion by Rev. D. F. Schaeffer, and seconded by Rev. H. Haverstick, it was

Resolved: That the reports read, be adopted, and published in the Evangelical Lutheran Intelligencer. Both the brethren delivered addresses.

On motion by Rev. H. Bager, and seconded by Rev. J. Reck, it was

Resolved: That a special effort be made by this Synod during the ensuing year, to promote the objects contemplated by the Missionary and Education Society. Both the brethren delivered addresses.

The following officers were then elected for the ensuing year, viz:

***President.—JOHN REESE*, Baltimore.**

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

GEORGE HAGER,	REV. A. RECK,
Dr. KURTZ,	J. SHRYOCK.
REV. B KURTZ,	

Corresponding Secretary.—Rev. JOHN G. MORRIS.

Recording Secretary.—Rev. D. F. SCHAEFFER.

Treasurer.—LEWIS MEDTART, Esq.

MANAGERS.

David Martin,	Rev H. Haverstick,
George Engelbrecht,	Dr. Boerstler,
Rev J. Winter,	Isaac Baugher,
Rev. H. Bager,	J. Baughman,
Rev. J. N. Hoffman,	Rev. S Hoshour,
F. Eichelberger,	Rev. M. Wachter,
John Bentz,	Rev. J. Albert,
C. Flora,	John Baker,
Rev. C. F. Schaeffer,	Thomas Barry,
J. Harbaugh,	A. Lichtenwalter.

Resolved: That an Executive committee be appointed for the ensuing year.

Rev. Dr. Kurtz, Rev. J. G. Morris, and J. Reese, Esq, of Baltimore, and Rev. D. F. Schaeffer, L. Medtart, and G. Engelbrecht, Esqs. of Frederick, were accordingly appointed.

On motion. Resolved, "That the Executive committee be governed by the following instructions.

1. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to determine upon the qualifications of all applicants for pecuniary aid.

2. They shall require of every applicant, testimonials of piety, and certificate of church membership and general moral deportment.

3. They shall require security or his own note, of every beneficiary, for the repayment of the money, (without interest) expended in his edution, provided always, that all allowance be made of time and circumstances.

4. They shall not allow any beneficiary more money than shall support him decently at the Seminary, upon which they shall determine, provided, that when he has finished his studies, sufficient be given him to defray his expenses to the place of his destination.

The following rules, respecting Beneficiaries, were proposed and adopted, viz:

1. No person shall be patronized by this society, who has not received a good English education.

2. No person shall be patronized by this Society who does not discover promising talents, and decided piety.

3. Every applicant for patronage, must bring unequivocal testimonials of his moral and religious character, "including his indigence, talents, previous education, and serious desire to devote himself to the Gospel ministry."

4. Every beneficiary shall give his note for the money expended in his education, without interest, and when he has completed his course of study, he shall take up all the notes which he has formerly given, and put the amount into a new note, provided always that all allowances be made in time and circumstances, for the repayment of the money.

5. The sum of $75 per annum shall be appropriated to beneficiaries, presuming that they will make suitable efforts to assist themselves.

The Executive committee must see to the execution of these laws, and may make any additions, that circumstances may make necessary.

After the benediction was pronounced, the society adjourned, to convene again at the next meeting of the Synod.

A considerable number of new members were added to the society upon this occasion, and arrangements have been made to form an auxiliary society in Williamsport, which it is believed, will be composed of the members of the church in that village generally.

Attest DAVID F. SCHÆFFER, *Secretary.*

MINUTES
Of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the U. States.

On the 24th of October, A. D. 1829, the clerical and lay-delegates composing this synod, assembled at Hagerstown. At candlelight divine service was performed.

On Sunday morning, the Rev. Dr. Kurtz, as president, delivered the pastoral discourse from Matthew 22. 4, 5; in the German language. The Lord's supper was then administered to the members of the synod, and a great number of persons, being members of the church.

In the afternoon, the Secretary, Rev. D. F Schaeffer preached upon Hebrews 12. 1, 2: After which many persons not familiar with the German language, partook of the Lord's supper. At night the Rev. Professor Schmucker delivered a discourse upon 2 Peter 1. 16.

An immense concourse of persons attended the services during the whole day, and greater solemnity has seldom prevailed. Sermons were

he labored for many years, many yet bear testimony as to his excellence.

He frequently was honored by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania and adjacent states, in electing him as Secretary and President of that highly respectable and reverend body. Few men live, in whom so many excellencies were united. He was master of many languages and among them, he read with most pleasure, the Hebrew, Arabic and Syriac. He was a respectable Mathematician and a great admirer of Euclid's propositions. He was an ardent admirer of the constitution of the U. States, & well understood the principles & institutions of the government of the U. States. So notorious was this fact, that he was offered one of the highest posts of honor within the gift of the State of Pennsylvania. He declined the offer however, unwilling to lay aside the holy office of an Ambassador of Jesus, before God should remove him from this sublunary world.

Having arrived at the age of 53 years, he fell asleep in the arms of Jesus, after having lingered for a long time with a pulmonary affection. During his illness he evinced that fortitude and resignation, which is peculiar to true children of God only, and earnestly admonished all with whom he had intercourse, to seek the Lord Jesus Christ, as the only way to life everlasting.

A more particular biography of this great and good man, is contained in our German Magazine. The demands on our time, prevent us from translating it, for the present.—*Editor.*

A JEWISH PREACHER.

Mr. Levin, a Jewish Proselyte, who studied Divinty under Professor Tholuck, at Halle, has lately been appointed Lutheran Minister at Brezezyn, where he has a flock of six hundred Protestant families, to whom he is said to preach the Gospel powerful. The people know that he is of the Jewish Nation ; but so far from despising him, they seem to have a particular affection for him on that account. When he delivered his first sermon, the aisle of the church was crowded with Polish Jews. He is deeply interested about his own nation ; to whom he has now a most favourable opportunity of testifying of Christ.—*Landon Miss. Register.*

It is said that the Croup, one of the most dangerous and rapid of diseases, may be effectually checked by the external application to the throat of equal parts of camphor, spirits of wine and hartshorn, mixed together.

Minutes

Of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Maryland.

On Saturday October 16, 1830, the Ministers and Lay-delegates assembled at Taneytown Frederick county, Md.

At 2 o'clock, P. M. the Rev. D. F. Schæffer delivered a preparatory discourse from Hebrews xiii: 10. At candlelight Mr. F. J. Ruth preached from Rev. iii. 20.

On Sunday morning the Rev. Dr. Kurtz, delivered a Synodical discourse from Matthew xiii. 4—9. Rev. Morris preached in the Presbyterian church, Text, Jer. viii: 6.

In the afternoon, the Secretary preached in the Lutheran church from Phil. iii. 10. and Rev. Albert in the Presbyterian church, Text, 1 Thess. v. 19. At candlelight, exhortations were delivered by Rev. J. G. Morris, B. Kurtz and D. F. Schæffer. On Sunday afternoon, the Lord's supper was administered to the members of the Synod, and then to many of the Laity present.

Monday 8 o'clock A. M. The Synod was constituted as usua President Dr. Kurtz, offered to the throne of grace, a fervent prayer.

T" ollowing brethren took their seats.

1	*Rev. Dr. Kurtz*, Baltimore	7	*J. N. Hoffman*, Taneytown
2	*D. F. Schæffer*, Frederick	8	*J. G. Morris*, Baltimore
3	*A. Reck*, Middletown	9	*J. Albert*, Manchester
4	*B. Kurtz*, Hagerstown	10	*H. Bager*,
5	*M. Wachter*, Woodsboro'.	11	*H. Haverstick*, Cumberland
6	*N. B. Little*, Cumberland	12	*C. F. Schæffer*,

LAY-DELEGATES.

1	*John McDonald*, Frederick	5	*A. Lichtenwalder*, Taneytown
2	*John Culler*, Middletown	6	*D. Martin*, Baltimore
3	*Jacob Kausler*, Hagerstown	7	*J. Kuhn*, Manchester
4	*William Grimes*, Woodsboro'.	8	*E. Easter*, Cumberland.

Rev. *S. K. Hoshour* was absent.

Agreably to the constitution, the officers for the ensuing year, were now elected, viz.

Rev. DAVID F. SCHAEFFER, President.
ABRAHAM RECK, Secretary.
M. WACHTER, Treasurer.

Rev. F. Ruthrauf appeared, as delegate from the East Pennsylvania Synod and was admitted to the usual privileges. Rev. Leidy of the German Reformed church, and Rev. Winders of the United Brethren society, were introduced to the Synod.

Documents and letters were handed to the President, which were disposed of as will appear.

Resolved: That Rev. J G. Morris, be released from the obligation imposed upon him at the last Synod, to preach a Missionary sermon.

On motion by Rev. Haverstick, *Resolved*, that a committee of three be appointed to take in hand, the matter, in relation to Rev. N. B Little and Haverstick; whereupon, brothers B. Kurtz, J. N. Hoffman and J. Winter were appointed, and reported, That this case has been amicably adjusted to the full satisfaction of the parties concerned. Brother Little having proposed to remove from Cumberland, and to take charge of other congregations, so soon as practicable. The committee, therefore, respectfully recommend—

1. That brother Little be appointed missionary for three months, and that the President of the Synod have authority to extend the time to six months if expedient, and that his missionary efforts be principally directed to Cincinnatti Ohio. And in this case he obligates himself to discontinue his labors in Alleghany County so soon as his necessary engagements shall be fulfilled, and to enter on his missionary tour about the beginning of January next or sooner.

2. That brother Haverstick continue his ministerial labours in the Cumberland district, and that the several congregations composing said district are hereby requested, to unite in calling and supporting him, as their regular Pastor.

The Synod adopted the report unanimously.

Resolved: That the constitution, for the government of Synods, as prepared and recommended by the General Synod, be now read. Whereupon it was read and after a few amendments adopted.

The Parochial reports, were now called for and transmitted as follows viz.

	Bap.	*Confir.*	*Com.*	*Deaths*	*Cong.*	*S. School.*
Rev. Dr. Kurtz	83	13	158	46	1	1
D. F. Schæffer	214 & 3 ad.	47	561	29	2	2
A. Reck	101	91	390	42	4	3
B. Kurtz	70	62	460	30	2	2
J. Winter	60	17	300	13	4	1
M Wachter	96	61	430	23	6	2
J. N. Hoffman	100	40	560	24	4	1
J. G. Morris	28	15	76	9	1	1
J. Albert	141	27	672	31	7	1
H. Bager	12		50	8	4	2
H. Haverstick	72	37	150	9	3	2

The monies collected for the treasury of the Synod were now received, viz.

By J. McDonald	$10	
J. Culler	14	25
Rev. J. Winter	12	
W. Grimes	14	39
A. Lichtenwalder	5	
D. Martin	10	
Rev. J. Albert	19	25
Rev. H. Haverstick	10	

Resolved: That the resignation of Rev. B. Kurtz as director of the Seminary be accepted.

An election for Directors of the Seminary was now held. Rev.

D. F. Schæffer was elected for four years, Rev. A. Reck for five years, Rev. J. N. Hoffman (in the room of Rev. B. Kurtz) for two years and Lewis Medtart, Esqr for five years.

The Synod adjourned to attend Divine service, Prayer by Rev. A. Reck.

Monday 2 o'clock P. M. Prayer by Rev. Albert. Messrs. Kausler and McDonald appointed to examine the late treasurer's account, reported that they found it correct, and that there remained in the treasury $257 87

On motion three brethern, (viz.) B. Kurtz, Morris and Hoffman, were appointed a committee, to devise a plan on the subject of holding district conferences.

The committee reported, that this Synod should be divided into two districts and the Catoctin Mountain be the dividing line ; that the first meeting of the Western district be held at Middletown, Frederick County, beginning on the second Wednesday of November next; and the first meeting of the Eastern district, be held at Woodsborough, commencing on the second Wednesday of December ensuing, which all was accepted by the Synod. On motion the Synod adjourned until 8 o'clock next morning, prayer by brother Winter.

This evening at candlelight, the Parent missionary and education society of our Synod held its annual meeting, when several addresses were delivered.

Tuesday morning 8 o'clock A. M. Prayer by Rev. B. Kurtz.

The Rev. Professors Schmucker and Dr. Hazelius and the Rev. Mr Heyer, appeared as delegates from the West Pennsylvania Synod. Rev. J. Ruthrauf and Godwalt were admitted as advisary members.

The proposition concerning Streit's legacy now occupied the attention of the Synod, and after some debating on the subject, it was *Resolved*, that, the proportion falling to this body, should, after the example of our sister Synod of West Pennsylvania, go into the funds of our Seminary. Rev. B. Kurtz only in the negative, requested that his protest against the above resolution be spread on the minutes.

On motion by Rev. B. Kurtz, *Resolved*, that whereas the exercise of Scriptural discipline is of the utmost importance to the preservation of the purity of the church and the promotion of its dearest interests ; and whereas we have a printed discipline based upon the directions and precepts of the Lord Jesus Christ, which was adopted and recommended some years since by this Synod, but which there is good reason to apprehend, has not been faithfully administered, in consequence of which the cause of vital piety is suffering in our Zion, while at the same time we are justly censurable ; therefore Resolved.

1 That all the Ministers belonging to our Synod be required henceforth, conscientiously, to carry the discipline into effect.

2 That in order to facilitate the more effectual observance of said discipline, each Minister be required to keep a church-book, somewhat in the form as setforth below, with six columns.

Names of Members	When Admitted	When Suspended	When Excommunicated	When Restored	Removals by death or otherwise

Now the following brethren were appointed delegates to our sister Synods, namely, Rev. B. Kurtz to East Pennsylvania Synod, Rev. Haverstick to West Pennsylvania Synod, Rev. N. B. Little to Ohio Synod, the Rev. B. Kurtz and J. Winter to the Synod of Virginia, and the Rev. D. F. Schæffer to the Synod of New York. The Delegates to the general Synod, to meet at Winchester 1831, were now elected, viz. Rev D. F. Schæffer and A. Reck, John A. Bentz of Boonsborough David Martin of Baltimore, Rev. J. Reck and J. Winter their alternates. On motion resolved that our President write a letter to the president of the Ohio Synod, informing him, concerning the appointment of brother Little, and requesting his co-operation in promoting this plan.

Whereas our two Professors and Rev. Heyer were a committee appointed by the West Pennsylvania Synod to confer with our Synod in relation to the appointment of an agent to missionate through the boundaries of their and our Synods, the President appointed Dr. Kurtz, A. Reck and J. G. Morris, a committee to confer with the above committee on said subject. The committee recommended that the following resolution be adopted, viz. that this Synod unite with the Synod of West Pennsylvania in employing the services of the Rev. B. Kurtz, as general agent to organize new congregations, to visit such as are vacant, to establish education and missionary societies, to collect contributions for the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, and subscribers and subscription dues for the Intelligencer and German Magazine; that both Synods unite in remunerating him for the time employed in the boundaries of each Synod and that he be requested to pay particular attention to our people in the District of Columbia. And, that if the Rev. B. Kurtz find it inconsistent with his duty to engage in this work next spring, he confer with the President, as to the immediate plan of his operations. The above resolution was unanimously adopted.

Rev. Heyer stated that as agent of the American Sunday School Union, he wished to confer with this body, whereupon, Rev. Bager and Hoffman, were appointed, a committee and reported,

1. *Resolved*, that we as a Synod approve of the object of the Lutheran Sunday School Union.

2. *Resolved*, that the members of this Synod co-operate with the agent of this Union, and as far as practicable promote by pecuniary aid and otherwise, the object of his agency. Both resolutions were adopted.

On motion *Resolved*, that this Synod form itself into a Temperance Society, on the plan of entire abstinence from ardent spirits, (except in cases of sickness,) as the only safe foundation of the temperance cause, and also warmly recommend the formation of similar associations throughout the bounds of this Synod.

The Synod adjourned to attend Divine service at 11 o'clock.

Tuesday 2 o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Mr. Godwalt.

The Rev. John Reck from North Carolina was introduced, and having taken charge of churches in Maryland, was upon exhibiting an honorable dismissal from the Synod of North Carolina, unanimously admitted a member of this Synod.

The Editor of the Intelligencer read a report of the state and condition of the concerns of the work. It appears that the support is insufficient, though the Editor performs all his services gratuitously.

Resolved : That every member of this Synod exert himself to aid in the support of this useful Periodical.

The Rev. Bager, gave a succinct account of his Missionary labors—that he officiated in the neighborhood of Beaver creek—preached, established a Sunday School, and Temperance society. He stated that the people generally attended his preaching pretty well.

From all accounts given, it appears that the cause of Jesus Christ is in a prosperous condition within the bounds of this Synod.

All Synodical business being disposed of, the time and place of the next Synodical meeting, was determined viz. Third Sunday in October, A. D. 1831, at Cumberland, Alleghany county, Maryland.

The Lay-delegates being discharged, the *Ministerial* session was immediately commenced.

Rev. A. Reck, J. N. Hoffman and J. G. Morris were appointed to examine Mr. F. J. Ruth.

The committee recommend that Mr. Ruth be admitted as a Licentiate.

The Licences of Rev. C. F. Schæffer, H. Bager and H. Haverstick were renewed.

The Rev J. G. Morris was appointed to deliver an ordination sermon, at the next meeting of the Synod.

This evening after a discourse by the Rev. N. B. Little from Romans i. 16. The president, aided by Dr. Hazelius, solemnly set apart to the work of the Ministry of reconciliation in the capacity of Licentiate Mr. Francis J. Ruth.

After the service, some unfinished business was transacted—a friendly conversation was held among the brethren, and after a prayer by Dr. Kurtz, the Ministerium adjourned.

Attest, ABRAHAM RECK, Secretary.

DR. CHALMERS' "ASTRONOMICAL DISCOURSES.

Among the Discourses of Dr. Chalmer, we find a number eminently calculated to defeat Infidelity, and to confirm in their faith the disciples of Jesus. The following extract from one on the "Extent of Divine Condescension" will, we are certain, be acceptable to our readers. It has appeared lately in the Calvinistic Magazine, and is highly spoken of. The Infidel objection is, that